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TAGS: IAEA, PARM, ADMIN

SUBJECT: IAEA STAFFING: DIVISION OF OPERATIONS AND
EVALUATION GROUP POSTS IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS

REFS: (A) STATE 5955 (B) IAEA V.2050 (C) IAEA V. 2259

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO URGE DG EKLUND TO CONSIDER
SVEN THORSTENSEN FOR THE DIVISION OF OPERATIONS POST AND
GORDON HOUGH FOR THE HEAD OF THE EVALUATIONS GROUP.
MISSION SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS RE THORSTENSEN CANDI-
DACY:

(A) WHAT IS CRITICALLY NEEDED FOR THIS POST IS SOMEONE
WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SAFE-
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GUARDS OPERATIONS AND DEMONSTRATED DEDICATION TO ACHIEVING
EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS: THORSTENSEN IS EMINENTLY
QUALIFIED IN BOTH REGARDS;

(B) IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE LIKELY TO SUFFER IF BOTH OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR POSITIONS ARE FILLED BY PERSONS LACKING EXPERIENCE
IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS;

(C) AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS
SYSTEM IS A COMPETENT AND MOTIVATED INSPECTORATE, ACHIEVE-

MENT OF WHICH WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED BY PROMOTIONS
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL
SUCH AS THORSTENSEN.

2. SUGGEST MISSION ADVISE OTHER APPROPRIATE MISSIONS OF
OUR SUPPORT FOR THORSTENSEN AND URGE THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIS
APPOINTMENT.

3. FYI: MISSION SHOULD ASCERTAIN THAT HOUGH IS
DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN AND WOULD ACCEPT THE EVALUATION
GROUP POST BEFORE EXPRESSING FORMAL SUPPORT TO DG. WE
ASSUME IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOUGH THAT MISSION WILL
EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE IN EVALUATION GROUP POST
AND CONFIDENCE IN HOUGH'S EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR
THIS JOB. HOUGH SHOULD BE INFORMED OF USG SUPPORT FOR HIS
CANDIDACY, IF HE WANTS THE POST. IF MISSION FINDS OUT
THAT HOUGH DOES NOT WANT TO APPLY FOR EVALUATIONS GROUP
POST, PLEASE INFORM DEPT ASAP. END FYI.

4. FYI: USG AGENCIES BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE
THORSTENSEN SERVE IN SENIOR CAPACITY IN SAFEGUARDS DEPART-
MENT. IF NOT SELECTED FOR OPERATIONS DIVISION POST,
CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CREATION OF NEW POSITION
IN DDG OFFICE AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT. ALTERNATIVELY IN
EVENT HOUGH NOT INTERESTED, US MAY WANT TO CONSIDER
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SUPPORTING THORSTENSEN AS HEAD OF EVALUATION GROUP. WE
DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO RAISE THIS
WITH THE DG. END FYI.

5. MISSION REQUESTED TO KEEP DEPT INFORMED.
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